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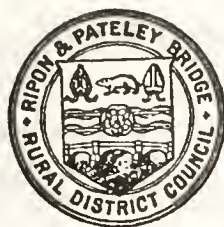
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RIPON AND PATELEY BRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

as at 31.12.71

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Vice-Chairman of the Council:

Councillor A. Renton

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D. Obst., R.C.O.G.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

K. Parker, M.A.P.H.I., M.Inst. P.C., M.R.S.H.
(Left 4/7/71)

N. W. Kirk, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
(As from 4/7/71)

Additional Public Health Inspector:

S. Kendall, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
(Commenced 1/9/71)

Clerical Staff:

Mrs. E. Grant
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Pateley Bridge.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your consideration the Annual Report on the work of your Public Health Department and the health of the district during the year 1971.

In April, 1974, the health service administration will be re-organised so as to bring the existing three parts of the service under an Area Health Authority, and the office of Medical Officer of Health will disappear after an existence of 127 years. The new local government district authorities will continue to be responsible for environmental health, and will continue to need medical advice on various aspects of their work. Arrangements will have to be made so that a Community Physician will be available for these purposes.

The Report contains details as usual of the environmental work of the public health inspectors and also of the health services administered by the County Council.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

N. V. HEPPLÉ,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1971) ..	13,580
Area (in acres)	75,009
Number of inhabited houses, March 31st, 1971 ..	4,849
Rateable value, March 31st, 1971	£446,433
Sum represented by a penny rate, March 31st, 1971 ..	£1,807

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District is a large area consisting of the old Ripon Rural Area together with the Pateley Bridge Rural District. The former consists of low lying land around Ripon City, whilst the latter embraces the upper parts of Nidderdale together with the extensive surrounding tracts of high land. It contains the town of Pateley Bridge. The whole area is agricultural in character.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

Live Births:					Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	105	97	202
Illegitimate	9	4	13
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Total				..	114	101	215
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Crude birth rate per 1,000 population					15.8
Adjusted birth rate					17.6

Comparability Factor	1.11
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Still Births:	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births			9.2
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>

Deaths	102	72	174
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	12.8
Adjusted death rate	12.9

Comparability Factor	1.01
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Maternal Mortality:		<i>Rates per 1,000</i>
	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>total births</i>
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
Other Maternal Causes	—	—

Infantile Mortality:					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	1	3	4
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	—	—	—

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	18.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	..			19.8
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	..			—

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The birth rate of 17.6 was the same as in 1970 and higher than the national rate of 16.0.

Deaths

The death rate of 12.9 showed an increase compared with the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 11.6.

The principal causes of death were as follows:—

Heart diseases (excepting Ischaemic heart disease) ..	20
Ischaemic heart disease	44
Cerebrovascular disease	33
Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	28
Pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma ..	9

Together these groups accounted for more than three quarters of the deaths from all causes.

Natural Increase of Population

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths by 41.

Infantile Mortality:

4 children died under the age of one year, giving an infantile mortality rate of 18.6 per 1,000 live births. This compared with a rate of 30.7 for the previous year and 17.5 for England and Wales.

3 babies died aged two, four, and six days respectively and 1 aged eight months. The causes of death were congenital abnormalities 2, respiratory distress syndrome 1, and bronchiolitis 1.

Maternal Mortality:

There were no maternal deaths in the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District during 1971.

Causes of Death

Registrar-General's Return 1971

Cause		Male	Female	Total
1	Cholera	—	—	—
2	Typhoid fever	—	—	—
3	Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis	—	—	—
4	Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	—	—	—
5	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	—	—	—
6	Other tuberculosis, including late effects	—	—	—
7	Plague	—	—	—
8	Diphtheria	—	—	—
9	Whooping cough	—	—	—
10	Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	—	—	—
11	Meningococcal infection	—	—	—
12	Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
13	Smallpox	—	—	—
14	Measles	—	—	—
15	Typhus and other rickettsioses	—	—	—
16	Malaria	—	—	—
17	Syphilis and its sequelae	1	—	1
18	All other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
19	Malignant neoplasms, Leukaemia, including neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic tissue	21	7	28
20	Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	1	—	1
21	Diabetes mellitus	1	1	2
22	Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	—	—	—
23	Anaemias	—	—	—
24	Meningitis	—	—	—
25	Active rheumatic fever	—	—	—
26	Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	—	2
27	Hypertensive disease	5	1	6
28	Ischaemic heart disease	25	19	44
29	Other forms of heart disease	4	8	12
30	Cerebrovascular disease	11	22	33
31	Influenza	—	—	—
32	Pneumonia	3	1	4
33	Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	3	2	5
34	Peptic ulcer	—	—	—
35	Appendicitis	—	—	—
36	Intestinal obstruction and hernia	—	—	—
37	Cirrhosis of liver	1	—	1
38	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	1
39	Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
40	Abortion	—	—	—
41	Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	—	—	—
42	Congenital abnormalities	—	2	2
43	Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	—	—	—
44	Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	—	1
45	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	3	—	3
46	All other diseases	9	6	15
47	Motor vehicle accidents	3	—	3
48	All other accidents	3	2	5
49	Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	1	3
50	All other external causes	—	—	—
Total		102	72	174

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority

The names and qualifications are set out on page 3.

2. Mortuary

The Council provides a mortuary and post-mortem room at Pateley Bridge. 18 bodies, 13 males and 5 females, were taken there during 1971.

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was taken during 1971.

HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT OF DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1971 DIVISION No. 7

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1. POPULATION

The estimated populations of the areas are as follows:—

Harrogate Borough	63,470
Ripon City	..	..	11,800
Knaresborough Urban District	..	..	11,700
Nidderdale Rural District	..	..	17,730
Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District	..	..	13,580
Total	..	..	118,280

2. DIVISIONAL STAFF

Medical Officers:

N. V. Hepple, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer.

Isobel B. Alexander, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

Mary Polson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., Senior Departmental Medical Officer.

A. W. I. Hall, M.B., B.Chir., Departmental Medical Officer.

Margaret Briggs, M.B., Ch.B., Departmental Medical Officer.

*P. C. N. Clarke, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Paediatrician.

*P. A. I. MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon.

*Rosemary Hawe, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.O., Ophthalmologist.

*W. S. Suffern, M.D., M.R.C.P., Cardiologist.

*Elizabeth Gore, M.D., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Clinic.

Anastasia Holroyd, M.A., M.B., B.S.

Katherine H. Odling-Smee, M.B., Ch.B.

Marjorie Parsons, M.B., Ch.B.

Isobel Critchley, M.B., Ch.B.

Margaret E. Manning, M.B., Ch.B.

} Clinic doctors
working on a
sessional basis

**Part-time from Regional Hospital Board.*

Dental Officers

Mr. K. Cowell, L.D.S.

Mr. M. Hattan, L.D.S.

Mr. P. R. Oldfield, L.D.S.

Mr. G. A. Thompson, L.D.S. (part-time, Orthodontic Consultant).

Mr. R. F. Grainger, L.D.S. (part-time)

Mr. M. Hollings, L.D.S. (part-time)

Dental Assistants

Full-time 3

Part-time 3

Child Guidance Staff (part-time)

Psychologists 2

Psychiatric Social Worker 1

Remedial Teacher 1

Clerical 2

Speech Therapists

Full-time 2

Part-time 1

Nursing Staff

Divisional Nursing Officer 1

Nursing Officers (Health Visitor) 2

Nursing Officer (Home Nurse) 1

Nursing Officer (Home Nurse Midwife) 1

Health Visitors who are also school nurses 18

Health Visitor (part-time) 1

Health Visitor employed on Hospital Liaison Duties 1

Tuberculosis Health Visitor (part-time) 1

Assistant Health Visitors 3

Assistant Health Visitors (part-time) 6

Home Nurses 13

Home Nurses (part-time) 3

Home Nurse Midwives 11

Midwives 4

Administrative

Divisional Administrative Officer 1

Clerical 16

Clerical (part-time) 1

Domestic Staff, etc.

Cleaners (part-time) 12

Caretaker, Health Centre, Knaresborough Road 1

3. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

A. School Medical Inspections

All new entrants to schools are medically examined but subsequent examinations are done on a selective basis. In 1971 there was a slight decrease in the number of pupils given a full medical examination and this was due, in the main, to the introduction of selective examinations for the school leaver age groups.

Defective vision requiring treatment formed 32.79% of the total defects.

Age Groups born	No. of pupils who have received a full medical examination	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected		No. of Pupils found not to warrant a medical examination	Pupils found to require treatment (excluding dental diseases and infestation with vermin)		
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory		For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any other condition recorded at Part II	Total Individual pupils
1967 and later	39	39	—	—	1	5	6
1966	931	931	—	—	28	149	169
1965	568	568	—	—	21	103	123
1964	188	188	—	327	11	32	40
1963	345	345	—	580	31	85	106
1962	164	164	—	78	10	34	16
1961	172	172	—	53	8	24	30
1960	219	219	—	675	21	46	63
1959	143	143	—	430	19	24	39
1958	60	60	—	28	6	20	25
1957	47	47	—	28	7	7	13
1956 and earlier	170	170	—	620	18	23	37
TOTAL	3,046	3,046	—	2,819	181	552	667

B. Other Inspections

Number of Special inspections	..	..	..	..	502
Number of re-inspections	..	..	..	..	742
Total					1,244

C. Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of individual examinations of pupils in schools by School Nurses or other authorised persons	8,518
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	220
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	18
(d) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54(3), Education Act, 1944)	—

2·6% of the children examined were found to have dirty heads, compared with 1·6% in 1970, and 1·7% in 1969.

D. Periodic and Special Inspections

Defect or Disease	Entrants		Leavers		Others		Total		Special Inspec- tions	
	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)	(T)	(O)
Skin ..	37	25	8	6	59	36	104	67	4	11
Eyes										
(a) Vision ..	29	72	18	28	134	127	181	227	42	85
(b) Squint ..	15	17	1	—	18	13	34	30	—	9
(c) Other ..	—	5	—	2	2	10	2	17	—	7
Ears										
(a) Hearing ..	2	70	—	5	18	55	20	130	—	5
(b) Otitis Media	2	9	1	2	9	10	12	21	—	6
(c) Other ..	—	2	—	2	5	1	5	5	—	2
Nose and Throat ..	10	52	2	1	33	60	45	113	2	8
Speech ..	21	18	—	—	26	21	47	39	3	5
Lymphatic Glands	1	6	—	—	4	6	5	12	1	1
Heart ..	1	7	1	3	14	14	16	24	2	14
Lungs ..	16	17	2	5	35	25	53	47	1	14
Developmental:										
(a) Hernia ..	—	3	—	—	5	1	5	4	—	—
(b) Other ..	6	19	—	4	22	40	28	63	2	7
Orthopaedic										
(a) Posture ..	—	3	1	—	2	6	3	9	—	—
(b) Feet ..	22	42	3	3	44	70	69	115	5	19
(c) Other ..	—	7	2	3	7	14	9	24	—	6
Nervous System:										
(a) Epilepsy ..	—	2	—	—	10	8	10	10	1	2
(b) Other ..	18	65	1	4	34	78	53	147	1	6
Psychological:										
(a) Development	1	5	1	2	9	16	11	23	1	5
(b) Stability ..	—	12	1	2	10	27	11	41	1	1
Abdomen ..	5	3	—	3	9	13	14	19	1	1
Other ..	15	7	—	1	16	22	31	30	7	4

(T) Treatment.

(O) Observation.

Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint	249
Errors of refraction (including squint)	279
Total	528
Number of Pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	221

Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat

	Number of Cases known to have been dealt with
Received operative treatment—	
(a) for diseases of the ear	—
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	168
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	56
Received other forms of treatment	29
Total	253

Total number of pupils in schools who are known to have been provided with hearing aids:—

(a) in 1971	—
(b) in previous years	12

Orthopaedic and Postural Defects

Number of pupils known to have been treated at clinics or out-patient departments	3
Pupils treated at school for postural defects ..	—

E. Handicapped Pupils

These are children who, by reason of physical or mental disability, need special educational treatment in ordinary or special schools.

359 children were on the register at the end of the year as detailed below:—

Category	In ordinary school	In special school	Not attending school	Home tuition
Blind	1	3	—	—
Partially sighted	7	4	—	—
Deaf	—	7	—	—
Partially hearing	10	7	—	—
Educationally sub-normal	71	117	6	—
Epileptic	5	3	—	—
Maladjusted	19	17	—	—
Physically handicapped ..	45	16	1	—
Delicate	—	1	—	—
Double defect	*11	†7	‡1	—
Total	169	182	8	—

*1 Phys. Hand/Malad.

1 Part Sight/Esn.

6 Phys. Hand/Esn.

2 ESN./Epileptic

1 Part. Sight/Malad.

†4 Phys.. Hand/Esn

2 malad/Esn.

1 Phys. Hand/Ment. Retarded

‡1 Phys. Hand/Esn.

F. Audiometry

Routine testing of school children from the age of seven years was continued by health visitors who have received special training in the use of the pure-tone audiometer. 1,572 school children in this group were tested in 1971, of whom 46 were referred for further investigation.

The health visitors are also trained in the methods of testing the hearing of the pre-school children from the age of six months onwards.

4. SPEECH THERAPY

A further Speech Therapist was appointed who works 3 days per week in Harrogate and Ripon and the rest of her time in another Division. This extra help has been of great assistance.

153 new cases were treated during the year and the treatment of 124 others was continued. Most of the treatment is carried out in schools but the Speech Therapists attend Dragon Parade Clinic, Harrogate, and Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and 37 domiciliary visits were made.

5. CARDIAC CLINIC

During 1971 a total of 11 sessions of the Cardiac Clinic were held, when 109 children made a total of 115 attendances. There were 15 new cases referred to the Cardiac Clinic, but these were children found to have heart defects at routine school medical examination. It is now the practice for infants with heart defects to be seen at the Paediatric Clinic at Harrogate General Hospital and, with the inevitable discharge of older children and no "intake" of babies, Cardiac Clinics can only be held at infrequent intervals.

During the period under review 5 children were transferred to the adult Cardiac Clinic at Harrogate Hospital, while 3 others left the area and 12 were returned to the care of their general practitioners. 2 children were referred to the Cardiac Unit in Leeds for further investigation.

6. CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC

127 new cases, 89 boys and 38 girls, were seen during 1971. 116 of these cases were referred from this Division as follows:—

			<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Divisional Medical Officer	..	..	21	13	34
General Practitioners	..	..	16	6	22
Head-teachers	..	..	16	4	20
Parents	..	..	7	6	13
Paediatrician	..	..	13	5	18
Others	..	..	6	3	9
			<hr/> 79	<hr/> 37	<hr/> 116

Dr. Elizabeth Gore, the Consultant Psychiatrist, reports below:

"The total of new cases referred in Division 7 shows an increase of 15 over the year, with a relative increase in the number of girls. A very much larger number of cases were referred to the clinic from the Paediatrician, but these, except for two cases, were referred for advice only. There was also an increase in the number of cases referred from General Practitioners.

Mr. Popplewell took up his appointment as Remedial Teacher in January, 1971. He has continued and developed the work in the morning play therapy group, with slightly bigger numbers. It is a matter of great concern that this work, which we consider so valuable in saving children from being recommended for residential placement, must apparently be discontinued after Easter because the premises now being used will no longer be available and no alternative accommodation can be found.

During 1971 the Social Services Department¹ was being developed and we are glad to feel that we have a fruitful and close relationship with the department in Harrogate. Mutual discussions have helped to prevent duplication of work, and we have been able in a number of instances to hand over cases and families for supervision by the Social Services Department where this was more appropriate. We have also found the Department helpful in cases where the children are away at school. This has meant that we have had more time to work with the other children and their families. In addition the development of the School Counselling system and a closer co-operation with the Educational Welfare Department has meant that, where suitable, they have been able to deal in whole or in part with children with whom we might otherwise have been heavily involved.

These contacts have been in addition to the ones already established with Health Visitors, Head Teachers and a number of the Family Doctors. Most important perhaps had been the continued close contact with Dr. Hepple and his Medical Officers.

We have continued to have Social Work Students from Leeds, from the West Riding and also students taking their Diploma in Primary Education from Leeds University, and a number of others".

7. CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

(a) Births

Return of Births Notified in the Divisional Area during the Year

DETAILS	BIRTHS				TOTAL
	Domiciliary		Institutional		
	Live	Still	Live	Still	
(a) Primary notifications	45	—	2,087	24	2,156
(b) Add Inward Transfers	—	—	62	—	62
(c) Total Notifications received	45	—	2,149	24	2,218
(d) Deduct Outward Transfers	1	—	596	9	606
(e) Total adjusted births	44	—	1,553	15	1,612
ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL BIRTHS					
Born in					
(a) Hospitals			1,552	15	
(b) Maternity Homes			1	—	
(c) Nursing Homes			—	—	
TOTAL			1,553	15	

Only 3.8% of births to residents of the Division took place at home.

(b) Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinics

Name and Address of Ante-natal/Post-natal Clinic (whether held at Infant Welfare Centre or other premises)	No. of separate sessions held during year					No. of women in attendance seen at combined infant welfare & ante- natal sessions)		Total No. of attendances (including those seen at combined infant welfare and ante- natal sessions)	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Midwives (excluding mother- craft & re- laxation)	General practi- tioners employed on sessional basis	Hosp- ital Med. Staff	Total	A/N	P/N	A/N	P/N
2, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	—	28	—	—	28	11	—	38	—
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane Knaresborough	—	45	—	—	45	12	—	85	—
Totals	—	73	—	—	73	23	—	123	—

(c) Ante-Natal Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of sessions held during the year		No. of women who attended during the year			Total number of attendances made during the year		
	Separate Sessions	Combined with A/N. clinic sessions	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total	Institutionally booked	Domiciliary booked	Total
2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate	78	—	91	—	91	456	—	456
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate	88	—	94	—	94	478	—	478
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate	96	—	107	1	108	597	6	603
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresbro'	46	—	64	—	64	443	—	443
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health Centre, Boroughbridge	45	—	34	—	34	206	—	206
Alma House, Ripon	48	—	52	—	52	337	—	337
Claro Barracks, Ripon	10	—	8	—	8	35	—	35
Menwith Hill, American Base	31	—	25	—	25	112	—	112
Health Centre, Pateley Bridge	25	—	25	—	25	59	—	59
Totals	467	—	500	1	501	2,723	6	2,729

(d) Infant Welfare Centres

Name and Address of Centre	No. of Infant Welfare Sessions held during year by				Total	No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in			Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances during the year made by children who were born in			Total attendances during the year
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioners employed on sessional basis	Hospital Medical Staff		1971	1970	1966/1969		1971	1970	1966/1969	
Central Clinic, Dragon Parade, Harrogate	48	—	—	—	48	75	82	52	209	442	416	134	992
Health Centre, Knaresborough Road	52	—	—	—	52	137	178	95	410	1,130	864	342	2,336
217A Skipton Road, Harrogate	—	53	48	—	101	204	264	278	806	2,371	2,040	628	5,039
St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Harrogate	—	—	24	—	24	32	34	12	78	186	244	41	471
Methodist Buildings, College Rd., Harrogate	24	—	—	—	24	35	43	24	102	240	302	48	590
Pannal Memorial Hall, Pannal, Harrogate	—	—	11	—	11	10	10	10	30	28	26	21	75
Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate (Army premises)	—	16	—	—	16	12	11	6	29	22	47	8	77
Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough	96	—	—	—	96	131	159	158	448	1,181	1,087	805	3,073
Health Centre Boroughbridge	26	—	—	—	26	27	26	27	80	202	232	112	546
Church Hall, Upper Poppleton	51	—	—	—	51	34	58	69	161	266	407	174	847
Alma House, Ripon	36	—	—	—	36	22	57	50	129	126	233	115	474
Claro Barracks, Ripon	—	13	—	—	13	35	47	18	100	143	180	92	415
Health Centre, Summerbridge	—	—	12	—	12	14	22	19	55	39	114	67	220
Mobile Clinic	149	—	284	—	433	199	210	214	623	875	918	562	2,355
Totals	482	82	379	—	943	1,027	1,201	1,032	3,260	7,251	7,110	3,149	17,510

In addition, the Mobile Clinic provides infant welfare centre services in the rural areas as follows:—

Killinghall	Friday	Fortnightly
Hampsthwaite	”	”
Bishop Monkton	Friday	Monthly
Lead Lane, Ripon	”	”
Burton Leonard	Friday	Monthly
Staveley	”	”
Scotton	”	”
Burnt Yates	Monday	Monthly
Ramsgill	”	”
Lofthouse	”	”
Glasshouses	”	”
Heyshaw Lane End	”	”
Darley	”	”
Burley Avenue, Army Premises	”	”
Markington	Monday	Monthly
Bishop Thornton	”	”
Shaw Mills	”	”
Birstwith	”	”
H.M.S. Forest Moor	”	”
Burley Avenue, Army Premises	”	”
Studley Roger	Tuesday	Monthly
Aldfield	”	”
Sawley	”	”
Grantley	”	”
Winksley	”	”
Nunwick	”	”
Copt Hewick	”	”
Skelton	”	”
Kirkby Malzeard	Tuesday	Monthly
Grewelthorpe	”	”
Ripon Army Camp	”	”
Hunsingore	Wednesday	Monthly
Whixley	”	”
Marton	”	”
Grafton	”	”
Little Ouseburn	”	”
Great Ouseburn	”	”
Green Hammerton	Wednesday	Monthly
Kirk Hammerton	”	”
Nun Monkton	”	”
Moor Monkton	”	”
Rufforth	”	”

(e) Routine Tests on Young Babies

One type of mental handicap is caused by an inability to metabolise one of the amino acids in food. In order to prevent damage to the brain of these children it is essential to find them within the first weeks of life and give them a special diet. All babies therefore have a routine blood test on their sixth day, either in the maternity hospital or at home by County Council midwives, in order to exclude this disability. No cases were discovered during the year.

Congenital dislocation of the hip is a crippling deformity which is most largely prevented by early ascertainment and treatment. Fortunately there is a simple test—the Ortolani test—which can be carried out by nursing and medical staff when young babies are first seen.

Seven children were referred for specialist opinion during 1971. Two of these were confirmed as cases and four were referred for further investigation. Three children were found not to have dislocated hips.

(f) Dental Care

The arrangements for dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers continue.

(g) Care of Premature Infants

A premature infant can be defined for practical purposes as one which weighs $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth.

These small infants are particularly liable to damage from cold and feeding difficulties and need special care.

The County Council provides specially heated incubator cots for ambulance transport of these children.

During 1971 there were 93 live and 10 stillbirths on infants of $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less born to mothers normally resident in the division. 84 of these survived over twenty-eight days and 9 died in the first four weeks.

(h) Inspection of Children at Day and Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes

Medical inspections and immunisation are carried out at the Day and Residential Nurseries and County Children's Homes by the medical staff of the Department. In addition all children in the residential nurseries and homes are examined on admission and discharge and any medical problems dealt with.

8. MIDWIFERY

The midwifery staff of the Division consists of 1 Nursing Officer (Home Nurse Midwife), 4 whole-time midwives and 11 midwives who are also home nurses.

In addition to attending 40 home confinements in 1971, the midwives visited 1,071 hospital and maternity home patients who went home before the tenth day. 314 of these patients were discharged home at forty-eight hours, 309 were discharged after forty-eight hours but up to and including the fifth day and 448 after the fifth but before the tenth day. Twice daily visits are made during the first three days of puerperium and daily visits thereafter, up to the tenth day.

Owing to the shortage of accommodation in the maternity units of the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals and the York Maternity Home, applications for maternity beds made on social grounds are investigated by the domiciliary midwives.

The Obstetric Flying Squad from the Harrogate Hospital was called out on 3 occasions during the year.

Analgesia

Analgesia was administered by County Council midwives to domiciliary patients as follows:—

Trilene	11
Pethidine	3
Trilene and Pethidine	12

9. HEALTH VISITING

2 Nursing Officers (Health Visitor), 19 full-time health visitors, 2 part-time health visitors, 3 full-time assistants to health visitor and 6 part-time assistants to health visitor were employed in the Division at the end of the year. All the full-time health visitors are attached to general practitioners.

1 full-time health visitor and 1 part-time health visitor do tuberculosis visiting and maintain liaison between the Health Department and the chest physicians. Another is largely occupied with the admission and discharge of elderly people to hospitals, old people's homes and Part III accommodation, working closely with the Geriatric Unit at Knaresborough Hospital.

Like the rest of the nursing staff, the health visitors work under the general direction of the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The following table shows categories of visits made:—

	No. of cases i.e., first visits
1. Total number of cases	9,005
2. Children born in 1971	1,682
3. Children born in 1970	1,532
4. Children born in 1966-69	2,958
5. Total number of children in lines 2-4	6,172
6. Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits)	1,561
7. Number included in line 6 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	782
8. Mentally disordered persons	39
9. Number included in line 8 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	26
10. Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital (other than mental hospitals)	108
11. Number included in line 10 who were visited at the special request of a general practitioner or hospital ..	79
12. Number of tuberculous households visited (i.e., visits by health visitors not employed solely on tuberculosis work)	40
13. Number of households visited on account of other infectious diseases	32
14. Other cases	1,053

10. HOME NURSING

13 home nurses, 3 part-time home nurses, and 11 home nurse-midwives were nursing in the Division at the end of the year. Almost all the Home Nurses are attached to General Practitioners.

The following table gives classification of the work carried out:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during the year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year
Medical	1,742	52,341
Surgical	443	12,711
Infectious diseases	8	163
Tuberculosis	26	263
Maternal complications ..	73	653
Other	35	289
TOTALS ..	2,327	66,420
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year ..	1,684	50,295
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year	34	169
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year	669	51,179

11. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Protection is offered against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, and rubella.

(a) Vaccination of Persons under 16 years completed during 1971 Completed Primary Courses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964- 1967		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Whooping Cough)	16	1,061	280	20	4	—	1,381
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	15	5	2	9	2	33
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tetanus	—	1	—	—	1	8	10
Poliomyelitis	17	1,077	288	24	19	16	1,441
Measles	1	429	378	87	100	3	998
Rubella	—	—	—	—	—	1,720	1,720

Reinforcing Doses

Type of vaccine or dose	Year of Birth					Others under age 16	Total
	1971	1970	1969	1968	1964- 1967		
Triple (Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Whooping Cough)	—	24	14	5	104	17	164
Diphtheria/Tetanus	—	1	4	6	936	126	1,073
Diphtheria	—	—	1	—	6	6	13
Tetanus	—	—	3	3	27	122	155
Poliomyelitis	1	24	18	10	1,047	92	1,192

(b) Vaccination Against Smallpox

The Local Authority vaccination scheme was terminated in July, 1971, in response to Government policy.

The numbers in different age groups vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the first half of the year are shown below:—

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—15	Total
No. Vaccinated ..	8	3	6	5	22
No. Re-vaccinated ..	—	2	4	6	12

(c) B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination was again offered to all children 13 years of age and over attending schools in the area.

The following are details of work carried out:—

1. No. of Medical Officers (including Divisional Medical Officer) approved to undertake B.C.G. Vaccination 5
2. Acceptances
 - (a) No. of children offered tuberculin testing and vaccination if necessary (whether the offer was made during the year or previously) 1,642
 - (b) No. of (a) found to have been vaccinated previously 46
 - (c) No. of acceptances 1,473
 - (d) Percentage of acceptances 89.70%
3. Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test
 - (a) No. of children 2(c) tested 1,410
 - (b) Result of Heaf Test:
 - (i) Positive 97
 - (ii) Negative 1,237
 - (iii) Not ascertained 76
 - (c) Percentage positive 6.87%
4. Vaccination
 - No. vaccinated following negative Heaf Test .. 1,161

12. PREVENTION, CARE AND AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physicians hold sessions once a week at Scotton Banks Hospital, twice a week at Harrogate General Hospital and once a week at Ripon and District Hospital. The health visitors who do tuberculosis visiting attend the clinics at the Harrogate and Ripon Hospitals.

The Chest Physician reports as follows:—

13 names were added to the Tuberculosis Register during 1971. 7 males and 4 females were suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, 1 male from T.B. spine, and 1 female child from tubercular meningitis. In addition there was one posthumous notification of pulmonary tuberculosis in a female.

24 names were removed from the register. 6 males and 3 females recovered from pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 female from T.B. hip; 5 males and 2 females died; 2 males and 3 females left the district; and 2 males who were suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis were lost sight of.

211 contacts were seen at the Harrogate Chest Clinic during the course of the year. In addition two groups of school children were examined. One was a group of 25 children of various ages and from various schools who were contacts of a school dentist living in another area. This group was checked at Harrogate Chest Clinic. The other was a group of 16 boys who were contacts of a pupil teacher and were seen at Scotton Banks Chest Clinic.

Tine testing was carried out as follows:—

Harrogate Chest Clinic and Scotton Banks Hospital	..	127
Negative results	.. .. .	55
Positive results	.. .. .	72
Vaccinated	.. .. .	52
Babies vaccinated at birth	.. .. .	19

13. CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

A screening test for the detection of cancer of the cervix is offered to all married women. Sessions were held once or twice weekly at the Clinic, 2 Dragon Parade, Harrogate, once or twice monthly at Alma House Clinic, Ripon, and as required at the Health Centre, Pateley Bridge. In addition 13 sessions were held in suitable office premises for the convenience of the staff.

838 women attended the Harrogate sessions, 259 women attended the Ripon sessions, 18 women attended the Pateley Bridge sessions, and 241 women attended the sessions held in the office premises. There were 5 positive smears.

It is desirable to repeat the smear test at least every five years and in certain circumstances possibly each year. Women over the age of thirty, especially those with large families and particularly those in the lower income groups are the ones most at risk. There are still large numbers of women in these groups who have never come forward for a test.

14. CHIROPODY

Much pain and disability is associated with minor foot ailments, many of which are amenable to treatment. The chiropody service provides this for old people, expectant and nursing mothers, and for the physically disabled.

Periodic sessions are held in Harrogate, Ripon, Knaresborough, Pateley Bridge, Boroughbridge, Poppleton, Nun Monkton, Whixley, Kirk Hammerton, Bishop Monkton, Burton Leonard, Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe and Great Ouseburn. Many of these are organised by voluntary associations on behalf of the department, and I am very grateful to those who undertake this valuable voluntary work.

There is also a domiciliary service for those who are unfit to attend a clinic session.

The chiropodists work part-time and the demand for their services tends to outstrip the service available.

15. REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

There were 15 registered nursing homes with a total of 314 beds in the Division at the end of the year. Twenty visits of inspection were made.

16. REGISTRATION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

The 28 old people's homes registered in the area were visited by the Divisional Medical Officer in conjunction with the Divisional Welfare Officer.

17. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF STAFF, etc.

A total of 403 medical examinations of staff, etc. were carried out during the year. New members of the West Riding staff are medically examined only if they have a significant medical history or are over forty-five years old, a policy which reduces work for the medical staff.

The medical examinations carried out were in the following categories:—

West Riding County Council	61
District Councils in the Division	7
Other Authorities	12
Applicants for Training Colleges	141
Employment of Children (including in entertainments) ..	73
School Meals Staff	109

18. HEALTH EDUCATION

Health education has continued along much the same lines as in previous years, but nearly all the health visitors, midwives and district nurse/midwives have taken an active part in this year's programme.

Health education in schools has been extended to include some of the primary schools where we have had a small programme on general health. In Granby Park Secondary Modern School we have had two programmes running—an intensive course for selected girls on mothercraft and a programme for girls and boys on general health subjects.

We have been active with Girl Guides, Brownies and Red Cross, giving lectures on child care, home nursing (by two district nurses), and accident prevention, etc. and have acted as examinees at a number of examinations especially for the Brownies, who are very keen on home accident prevention.

The interest shown in relaxation classes is very encouraging and, in Ripon, one session in the course of eight is given in the evening so that both husbands and wives can attend together. In Harrogate a number of people have been unable to attend classes because they are still at work. An evening class was attempted but was poorly attended and we are now thinking along the lines of about three evening classes early in pregnancy for working “mothers-to-be” followed by a short day-time course when they are free to attend. We are also thinking of a class for late bookings.

A mothers' afternoon club at Ripon has been established and is well attended as are the other three clubs at Harrogate, Knaresborough and Pateley Bridge.

Talks, lectures and film shows on a variety of subjects have been given to Youth Clubs, Friendship Clubs, etc. by various members of staff and this side of health education is much enjoyed.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

This is a separate service in the West Riding. There is an Ambulance Station in Harrogate with a Superintendent Ambulance Officer in charge. Sub-depots in both Ripon and Pateley Bridge are manned by members of the respective divisions of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who give excellent service. Communication is maintained by short wave radio.

HOSPITALS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Name	Situation	Purpose	Beds	
			Adults	Children
Harrogate & District General Hospital	Knaresborough Rd., Harrogate	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	239	25
Carlton Lodge Maternity Home	Leeds Road, Harrogate	Maternity	13	—
Royal Bath Hospital	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Rheumatic Diseases	160	—
Yorkshire Home	Cornwall Road, Harrogate	Chronic Sick Cases	71	—
Ripon & District Hospital	Firby Lane, Ripon	Medical, Surgical, Maternity	50	7
St. Wilfrid's Hospital	Princess Road, Ripon	Chronic Sick	32	—
Thistle Hill Hospital	Thistle Hill, Knaresborough	Geriatrics	51	—
Scotton Banks Hospital	Ripley Road, Knaresborough	Ophthalmic	4	—
Do.	do.	Paediatrics	—	21
Do.	do.	General Surgery	26	—
Do.	do.	Gynaecology	27	—
Do.	do.	Diseases of Chest	72	—
Do.	do.	Young Chronic Sick	34	—
Do.	do.	Medical	22	—
Do.	do.	Private Wing Sect. 5	16	—
		do. Sect. 4	8	—
Knaresborough Hosp.	Stockwell Road, Knaresborough	Chronic Sick	134	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—1971

			Measles (exclud- ing rubella)		Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)		Scarlet fever		Whoop- ing cough		Infective Jaundice		TUBERCULOSIS					
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Respir- atory		Meninges and C.N.S.		Other forms			
											M	F	M	F	M	F		
Under 1 year ..	..	..	3	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year ..	..	..	9	9	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years ..	..	..	8	6	—	—	—	—	5	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years ..	..	..	13	10	—	—	—	1	9	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years ..	..	..	12	12	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years ..	..	..	37	23	—	—	12	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years ..	..	..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
15—19 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
20—24 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—34 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—
35—44 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
45—54 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown ..	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	..	..	84	62	—	—	15	20	16	27	3	4	5	2	1	1	—

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases—continued

	Diphtheria		Tetanus		Acute meningitis		Acute encephalitis			Ophthalmia neonatorum		Acute poliomyelitis			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Post infectious	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—

Prevalence and Control Over Infectious Diseases—continued

	Lepto- spirosis				Para- typhoid fever				Typhoid fever				Food poisoning (excluding dysentery, para-typhoid fevers)				Malaria							
	M		F		M		F		M		F		M		F		Contracted naturally				Induced			
																	In Great Britain		Abroad		Accident- ally		Therap- eutically	
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Prevalence and Control Over Infectious Diseases—continued

	Plague		Cholera		Anthrax		Smallpox		Typhus fever		Relapsing fever		Yellow fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Measles

146 notifications were received compared with 876 in 1970, which gave a notification rate of 2.30 per 1,000 population.

Scarlet Fever

There were 35 notifications during the year, compared with 19 in 1970, a rate of 0.55 per 1,000 population.

Whooping Cough

43 cases were notified, compared with 3 in the previous year, giving a notification rate of 0.68.

Infective Jaundice

7 cases were notified in 1971 compared with 8 in 1970. The notification rate was 0.11 per 1,000 population.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

One case was notified. It was probably due to *Streptococcus pneumoniae* infection and made a good recovery.

Paratyphoid Fever

A ward orderly aged twenty-six was discovered to be excreting *S. paratyphi B* after a cholecystectomy in Leeds. The source of infection remained obscure.

Food Poisoning

13 cases were notified during the year, 2 of which occurred in August and 7 in September. All were due to Group B *Salmonella* infection and occurred sporadically.

Two were thought to be due to frozen chicken, one to steak, and one to ice cream bought at a seaside town.

The source of infection was not discovered in the other cases.

Tuberculosis

There were 7 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 2 of non-pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year.

The Corporation gives priority to cases of tuberculosis who need rehousing.

The following table gives details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January, 1971	73	30	—	3	106
New notifications in 1971 ..	5	2	1	1	9
Number restored to Register ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification ..	1	—	—	—	1
Number removed from Register in 1971	10	6	—	—	16
Number on Register at 31st December, 1971	69	26	1	4	100

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—1971

	Measles (exclud- ing rubella)	Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)	Scarlet fever	Whoop- ing cough	Infective Jaundice	Tuberculosis			
						Respir- atory	Meninges and C.N.S.		Other forms
	M	M	M	M	M	F	M	F	M
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown..
Total (all ages)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Diphtheria		Tetanus		Acute meningitis		Acute encephalitis			Ophthalmia neonatorum		Acute poliomyelitis	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	Non-paralytic
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Lepto- spiro- sis	Para- typhoid fever		Typhoid fever		Food poisoning (excluding dysentery, para-typhoid fevers)		Malaria			
		M		M		M		Contracted naturally		Induced	
		F		F		F		In Great Britain		Abroad	
		M		M		M		F		Accident-ally	
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65—74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (all ages)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Contd.

	Plague		Cholera		Anthrax		Smallpox		Typhus fever		Relapsing fever		Yellow fever	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year
1 year
2 years
3 years
4 years
5—9 years
10—14 years
15—19 years
20—24 years
25—34 years
35—44 years
45—54 years
55—64 years
65—74 years
75 and over
Age unknown
Total (all ages)

Scarlet Fever

3 cases were notified compared with 1 in the previous year, giving a notification rate of 0.22 per 1,000 population.

Measles

2 notifications were received compared with 81 in 1970, a notification rate of 0.15 per 1,000 population.

Whooping Cough.

9 cases were notified which gave a notification rate of 0.66 per 1,000 population. There were 4 cases during the previous year.

Infective Jaundice

2 cases were notified during 1971 compared with 10 the previous year. This gave a notification rate of 0.15 per 1,000 population.

Tuberculosis

No new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1971.

The following table gives details from the Tuberculosis Register:

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register at 1st January 1971	10	2	—	—	12
New notifications in 1971	—	—	—	—	—
Number restored to register ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number added to Register otherwise than by notification ..	—	—	—	—	—
Number removed from Register in 1971	3	1	—	—	4
Number on Register at 31st December, 1971 ..	7	1	—	—	8

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

Two refuse collection vehicles in the fleet were replaced during the year, one with a new 50 cu. yds. Norba compression vehicle and one with a second hand Norba of the same size and capacity, thus enabling the Department to continue to give the weekly collection of refuse in all the villages in the district.

The two men employed in the Rodent Control Department have continued to give a very efficient service for the control of rats, mice and other domestic pests, in private and business premises throughout the area. There remains an unsatisfied demand for this service and I feel that on any Local Government Reorganisation this aspect of the work of the Department should be given every opportunity to expand.

The sampling of private water supplies, ice cream and cooked meats has been increased together with the regular sampling of retail milk from producer retailers. This enables the Department to keep control over the raw milk produced with regard to the diseases brucellosis and tuberculosis together with the keeping quality of the product.

The provision of a public sewer in the villages of High Grantley and Winksley is urgently required and as new development at Winksley continues, nuisances are occurring from time to time from disposal of final effluent drainage from septic tanks.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health and Planning Committee together with the staff of the Health Department for their help and support. Mr. Kendall, who joined the Department in September, is proving to be a very capable officer.

Yours faithfully,

NEVIL W. KIRK,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

NOTICES FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

	Outstanding at 31/12/70	Issued in 1971	Abated in 1971	Outstanding at 31/12/71
Informal	12	25	36	1
Statutory	1	5	6	—

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

No. of houses provided with water closets	.. .. .	4,871
No. of houses provided with pail closets, chemical closets or earth closets	.. .. .	139
No. of pail closets, etc., converted to water closets with Conversion Grant	.. .. .	1

The Council makes a grant of £25 or half the cost, whichever is the less, towards the cost of conversion, or £40 or half the cost where septic tank drainage is necessary.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

No. of houses connected to sewers	.. .. .	3,326
„ „ with satisfactory PRIVATE drainage	.. .. .	Not known
„ „ with unsatisfactory drainage	.. .. .	„

Sewage Disposal Schemes

- (i) Completed during the year:—none
- (ii) Under construction at year end:—
Relaying of sewers and construction of pumping station at Pateley Bridge.
- (iii) Awaiting approval at year end:—
New sewers for eastern end of Littlethorpe.
- (iv) In preparation at year end:—
High Grantley and Skelton-on-Ure (Relaying of Sewers)

Details of any part of the district requiring:

- (i) Sewers:—
High Grantley and Winksley, and Mickley.
- (ii) Improvement of defective sewers:—none
- (iii) Sewage Disposal Works:—
High Grantley and Winksley, and Mickley
- (iv) Improvement or extension of sewage disposal works:—
None.
- (v) Attention to storm water overflows:—None

List of Sewage Disposal Works and Pumping Stations

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Aldfield	Sedimentation & gravity filtration	Aldfield	Public
2. Birstwith	Sewer and Ejector station. Treatment at Clint Works.	Birstwith	Public
3. Bishop Monkton	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bishop Monkton	Public
4. Bishop Thornton	Sewer only. Treatment by Shaw Mills S.D.W's.	Bishop Thornton	Public
5. Clint	2 Ejector Stations Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Sludge Pump House.	Birstwith & Clint	Public
6. Clotherholme	Sewer Only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Clotherholme	Public
7. Copt Hewick	Ejector Station only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Copt Hewick	Public
8. Dacre	Pumping Station only. Treatment at Darley.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks.	Public
9. Darley	Sedimentation and mechanical Filtration. 4 Pumping Stations 1 Sludge Pump House.	Wilsill, Smelthouses, Low Laithe, Summerbridge, Dacre Banks, Darley.	Public
10. Galphay	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treated at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Galphay	Public
11. Glasshouses	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration	Bewerley, Bridgehousegate, Pateley Bridge, Glasshouses, Blazefield.	Public
12. Grewelthorpe (North)	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
13. Grewelthorpe	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard S.D.W's.	Grewelthorpe (part)	Public
14. Kirkby Malzeard	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration Sludge Pumping Station.	Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton, Galphay, Grewelthorpe	Public

<i>Site</i>	<i>Type of Works</i>	<i>Villages or Properties Served</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
15. Laverton	Sewer & Pumping Station. Treatment at Kirkby Malzeard.	Laverton	Public
16. Littlethorpe	Ejector Station only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Parts of Littlethorpe	Public
17. Lofthouse	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Lofthouse	Public
18. Markington	Ejector Station. Sedimentation & mechanical filtration. Recirculation Pumping Station.	Markington, Ingerthorpe, Wormald Green.	Public
19. Middlesmoor	Sedimentation & mechanical filtration.	Middlesmoor	Public
20. North Stainley	Ejector Plant followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	North Stainley	Public
21. Nunwick	Sedimentation and filtration	Haldgarth, Nunwick (Housing Estate)	On Site
22. Sawley	Septic tank and mechanical filtration	Sawley	Public
23. Sharow	Sewer only. Treatment by Ripon Corporation.	Sharow	Public
24. Shaw Mills	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Shaw Mills, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Clint (part), Bedlam.	Public
25. Skelton	Pumping Station followed by sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Skelton, Newby (part)	Public
26. Studley	Ejector Station Septic tank and mechanical filtration.	Studley	Public
27. Wath	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration.	Wath	Public
28. Winksley	Sedimentation and mechanical filtration	Winksley	Public
29. Wormald Green	Sewers & Ejector Station. Treatment at Markington.	Wormald Green	Public

Table of Pail Closets Emptied by the Council Workmen

District	No. of Pails
High & Low Grantley ..	3
Laverton ..	1
Pateley Bridge ..	1
Winksley ..	3
TOTAL	8

TANK EMPTYING SERVICE

Total number of Domestic tanks on Register	..	..	867
„ „ Farm tanks on Register	..	..	274
„ „ Business tanks on Register (other than farms)	..	..	28
„ „ Tanks out of area on Register	..	..	133
			<hr/> 1,302 <hr/>

Total number of Domestic tanks emptied	..	..	263
„ „ Farm tanks emptied	..	..	72
„ „ Business tanks emptied (other than farms)			13
„ „ Local Authority tanks emptied	..	..	12
„ „ Tanks Out of the Area emptied		..	42
			<hr/> 402 <hr/>

The revenue from the **Tank Emptying Service** for the year was:
£574.28

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

During the year 104 samples of water from private supplies were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton.

Of these samples 63 were satisfactory and 41 unsatisfactory. Visits were made and advice given to owners of properties with contaminated supplies on the provision of Berkefeld Sterasyl Filters or the replacement by alternative new supplies of water.

There were 66 visits or inspections made in connection with water supply.

The expansion of the mains to supply properties in the Warsill area has been completed.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

I am indebted to the Engineer of the Claro Water Board for the information given below:

The supplies have generally been satisfactory in quantity and quality, apart from slight problems from the spring supplies. The number of bacteriological analyses carried out was 223, and in the few instances where contamination has occurred, this has been due to the malfunctioning of one of the chlorinators.

The supplies generally are not plumbo-solvent and no tests were carried out. The main supply is from Eagle Level Adit, and this has a natural average fluorine content of 1.00 parts per million.

FOOD PREMISES

The following visits were made to food premises in the area during the course of the year:—

No. of Visits to Food Premises

Butchers Shops	16
Bakehouses	9
Catering Establishments	76
Confectioners	6
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops	4
Greengrocers	3
Grocers	98
Ice Cream Premises	—
Licensed Premises	73
Mobile Food Premises and Snack Bars	3
Poultry Dressing Premises	121
Total ..	410

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

Anthrax

A suspected case of Anthrax was discovered in a moribund beast at a knackers yard in the district. On further investigation by the Ministry the animal was found not to be infected.

Waste Foods Order, 1957

Visits were made to all licenced premises in connection with the thorough boiling of Waste Foods as a precaution against possible spread of swine fever, foot and mouth disease, etc.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed and inspected	407	—	—	881	475	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	27	—	—	7	24	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	6.63	—	—	0.79	5.05	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.21	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	35	23	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	2	—	—
Totals	38	26	1	—

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	3	3	—	1	—
Total	5	5	—	1	—

HOUSING

No. of dwellinghouses in the district	..	..	5,011
1. No. of back-to-back houses included in above	..		none
2. No. of single back houses included in above	..		none
3. Estimated number of unfit houses in respect of which no representation has yet been made..	..	..	48
Details of future slum clearance programmes:—			
The above figure mainly represents individual unfit dwellings in the District.			
4. Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:			
(a) in Clearance Areas	..	..	0
(b) individual unfit houses	..	..	1

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
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In Clearance Areas

Houses unfit for human habitation	—	—	—
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	—	—	—
Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

Not in Clearance Areas

As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sections 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	—	—	—
Houses included in unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed	—	—	—

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Persons Displaced</i>	<i>Families Displaced</i>
Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26, Housing Act, 1961	1	1	1
Under Section 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—

**C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT IN WHICH DEFECTS
REMEDIED**

	<i>By owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
After informal action by Local Authority	19	—
After formal notice under:—		
(a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Sections 9 & 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—
Under Sec. 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

**D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (HOUSING
ACT, 1957)**

	<i>Number of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of separate dwellings contained in Column 1 (2)</i>
Retained for temporary accommodation:		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 17(2)	—	—
(c) Under Section 46	—	—
Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	—	—

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	<i>Number of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1 (2)</i>
No. of houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders in the year	4	6

**5. NO. OF FAMILIES REHOUSED
DURING THE YEAR INTO
COUNCIL OWNED DWELLINGS**

	<i>Number of Houses</i> (1)	<i>No. occupants of houses in Column 1</i> (2)
(a) Clearance Areas, etc.	2	—
(b) Overcrowding	2	—

6. RENT ACT, 1957

(a) No. of certificates of disrepair	—	—
(b) No. of undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the Local Authority	—	—
(c) No. of certificates of disrepair cancelled	—	—

7. OVERCROWDING

Any comments in connection with this problem: .. none

8. NEW DWELLINGS

No. of new dwellings completed during the year:

By the Local Authority	..	..	..	..	3
By Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	63

**9. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING
ACCOMMODATION**

	Formal Applications received during the year	Applications approved during the year	Number of dwellings completed during the year
Improvements			
(a) Discretionary ..	39	34	27
(b) Standard Grants	43	43	42

Villages	No. of Council Houses			
	1919—1970		1971	
	Houses	Bungs.	Houses	Bungs.
Birstwith	30	—	—	—
Bishop Monkton	22	19	—	—
Bishop Thornton	14	—	—	—
Bridge Hewick	8	—	—	—
Copt Hewick	14	—	—	—
Darley	32	26	—	—
Glasshouses	24	22	—	—
Grewelthorpe	12	—	—	—
Kirkby Malzeard	25	14	—	—
Littlethorpe	12	—	—	—
Lofthouse	8	—	—	—
Markington	42	—	—	—
North Stainley	28	8	—	—
Nunwick	4	—	—	—
Pateley Bridge	84	55	—	3
Sawley	6	4	—	—
Sharow	12	12	—	—
Shaw Mills	8	19	—	—
Skelton-on-Ure	26	6	—	—
Summerbridge	53	10	—	—
Winksley	8	—	—	—
Totals ..	482	195	—	3

Total number of dwellings — 680

MILK SAMPLES

61 samples of milk were obtained by the Department from retailers and producer retailers in the district, 58 of these samples being untreated T.T. milk and 3 pasteurised. 36 of the samples were subjected to examination for tuberculosis and none proved positive. A total of 227 churn and individual cow samples of milk were subjected to initial ring test for brucellosis and it was found necessary to culture 35 of these. Consequently it was necessary to serve Notices on the owners of infected animals under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 and the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, which prohibited the sale of milk from these animals without treatment. 61 samples were subjected to the methylene blue test for keeping quality and of these 14 were unsatisfactory. The 3 samples of pasteurised milk all passed the phosphatase test for keeping quality.

ICE CREAM

There are 50 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream. During the year 27 samples of Ice Cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory with the following results:

24 Grade I; 3 Grade II.

CARAVAN SITES

Caravanning continues to increase in popularity in an area of such outstanding natural beauty. Existing caravan sites have been extended and a number of new sites are being developed to keep pace with the increasing demand. Regular visits are made to all the licensed caravan sites in order to ensure that Site Licence Conditions are complied with.

The standard of the caravan sites in this area is very high.

Table of Caravan Sites

Showing Number of Caravans for which Licensed

City of Ripon,	75	Holiday
Ure Bank Caravan Site, Sharow, Ripon		plus 24 tents
Mr. J. H. Weatherhead, Riverside Caravan Site, Pateley Bridge	100	Holiday
Mr. J. Burton, Heathfield Caravan Park, Pateley Bridge	180	Holiday
Quarry Moor Caravan Park Ltd., Ripon	85	Residential
Mr. J. S. Brayshaw, Yorkshire Hussar Inn, Markington	75	Holiday
Mr. T. W. Atkinson, New Home Farm, Grewelthorpe	30	„
Mr. M. Houseman, Manor House Farm, Summerbridge	45	„
Mr. H. Walker, Studfold Farm, Lofthouse	45	„
Mr. L. Turton, Winksley Banks Farm, Winksley	20	„
Mrs. L. Simpson, Westfield House, Pateley Bridge	30	„
Mr. F. Spence, Braeside Caravan Site, Glasshouses	12	„

Messrs. W. Aldon & Son Ltd., Stumps Lane Caravan Site, Darley	10	Holiday
Mrs. W. Calvert, Low Wood, Bewerley	30	„
Mr. E. P. Grayshon, Half Moon Inn, Fellbeck	26	„
Mr. P. C. Walker, Chequers Inn, Bishop Thornton	25	„

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

At the present time 7 scrap dealers are registered in the district.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two establishments are licenced under this Act and no difficulties have been encountered in the running of them.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of registered premises under the above Act at the end of the year was 61 comprising 12 offices, 27 retail shops, 19 catering establishments and 3 fuel storage depots.

The total number of visits to registered premises under the Act during the year was 68. 6 contraventions of the Act were found.

RODENT CONTROL AND DISINFESTATION

There are approximately 300 farms and business premises on contract for the destruction of rats and mice and 3,807 visits for inspection and treatment purposes were necessary by your two operators for the premises in question.

Infestations of mice formed the major complaint in domestic dwelling houses and free treatment of these premises continued. These entailed 1,563 visits.

Following the 10 per cent. test baiting of all sewers in the district five were found to be infested with rats. These installations together with sewage disposal works and refuse tips were given regular treatment as necessary.

Warfarin still continues to be the most successful indirect poison against rats and the department has continued to use an alphachlorolose based poison against mice with continued success.

A number of Council houses and bungalows in Summerbridge were infested with a large species of spider (*Tegenaria Derhamii*). These infestations proved difficult to control. Domestic infestations of wasp nests, flies and other insect pests have also been treated.

The following quantities were used:-

Poisons	Bait
672 lbs. Warfarin	732 stones oatmeal
448 lbs. Rodene Biotrol	
28 lbs. Alphakil	
7 lbs. Cymag	
15.428 lbs. Alphachlorolose	

Income from Rodent Control Contracts—£1,846.88

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The vehicles in use in the Department are as follows:—

<i>Make of Vehicle</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Date of Purchase</i>
Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic	20 cu. yds.	Feb., 1964
Bedford/Yorkshire Cesspool Emptier	1,000 galls.	June, 1965
Dennis Paxit III A	35 cu. yds.	Aug., 1967
Weatherill Loading Shovel		Feb., 1968
Shelvoke & Drewry Fore & Aft Freighter	35 cu. yds.	July, 1969
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	Mar., 1970
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	July, 1971
Norba/Dennis	50 cu. yds.	Sept., 1971

The increasing bulkiness of domestic refuse continues but the higher capacity compression vehicles used by the Council still result in saving of time in that tipping at the end of the day only is necessary.

The majority of the district continues to enjoy a weekly collection of refuse, only isolated sections being served fortnightly.

The free service of providing $3\frac{1}{4}$ cu. ft. capacity polythene dustbins to all dwellinghouses under the Council's Municipal bin scheme has continued and up to the end of 1971, 1,466 of these have been supplied. The number of houses now using polythene bin liners under the polythene bin liner scheme totals 326.

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